

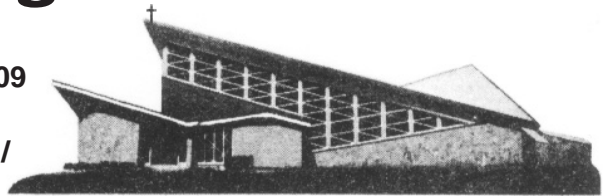
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Evening Reception

Tues & Wed.
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY — Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
SPANISH MASS — Sunday 2:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.
Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

On first Friday of each month
following morning mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

PARISH REGISTRATION — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

INFANT BAPTISMS — Two Sudays per month at 4:00 p.m. Contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

VISITATION OF THE SICK — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

BULLETIN DEADLINE — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Habakkuk, speaks about the difficulty of bringing about the word of God to the people of Israel since there is a lot of distress happening around him. However, the Lord encourages him to be faithful because whoever trusts in the Lord will find sustenance. Whenever we find difficulties, we can trust and rely in the Lord to find peace. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, offers words of uplifting to Timothy, encouraging him to remain steadfast in the faith he has received. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, he will have the necessary strength to keep faithful to the Lord. At times, it is difficult to remain steadfast in the faith, especially when we pass through hardships, but God's grace will provide us with everything that we need to rely in the Lord and to find peace. The Gospel, from St. Luke, offers us the words of Jesus regarding faith and humility. To have faith is to be certain that the Lord help us and act in our lives. We can be sure of that because we are witnesses of how much the Lord has helped us throughout our lives. Let us ask the Lord to give us this faith so that we can find refuge and support in any situation that can come our way. Whatever we do in our lives is thanks to God's grace and not to our efforts. The best thing that we can do is to be open and receptive to His mercy in our lives. Let us come to the Lord with confidence so that in Him we find strength and support!

Pope Francis Homily on the XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct 6, 2019)

Today's Gospel page (cf. Luke 17:5-10) presents the theme of faith, introduced by the disciples' question: "Increase our faith!" (see 6). A beautiful prayer, which we should pray often throughout the day: "Lord, increase our faith!". Jesus responds with two images: the mustard seed and the attentive servant. "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree: 'Be uprooted planted in the sea', and it would obey you" (v. 6). The mulberry tree is a sturdy tree, well rooted in the earth and resistant to the winds. Jesus, therefore, wants to make it clear that even if faith is as small as a mustard seed, it has the strength to uproot even a mulberry, and then to transplant it into the sea, which is

something even more unlikely: but nothing is impossible to those who have faith, because they do not rely on their own strength, but on God, who can do everything.

Faith compared to the mustard seed is a faith that is not proud and self-confident; and doesn't pretend to be that of a great believer! It is a faith that in its humility feels a great need for God and in its smallness it abandons itself with total confidence to God. It is a faith that gives us the ability to look with hope at the ups and downs of life, which also helps us to accept defeats, and sufferings, in the knowledge that evil never has, nor never will never have, the last word.

How can we know if we really have faith, that is, if our faith, though tiny, is genuine, pure, and honest? Jesus explains this to us by pointing out that the measure of faith is service. And he does so with a parable that at first glance is a little disconcerting, because it presents the figure of an arrogant and indifferent master. But it is exactly what this master does brings that highlights the true heart of the parable, that is, the attitude of the availability of the servant. Jesus wants to say that this is how a person of faith is should be in relation to God: he is completely surrendering to God's will, without expectations or pretensions.

This attitude towards God is also reflected in the way we behave in the community: it is reflected in the joy of being at the service of one another, already finding in this its own reward and not in the recognitions and advantages that can result from it. It is what Jesus teaches at the end of this story: "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: 'We are useless servants. We have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Useless servants, that is, with no expectations of being thanked, with no demands.

On Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm, we are having the Announcement of the Good News in the Church. I really encourage you attend and to experience how much God loves us and to experience His mercy in our lives. It is free and you do not need to sign up, just come and listen to Him. Come, the Lord is waiting for you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

We are very grateful to Breandán McCallister, our youth minister, who has been working with us since 2018. He has been working very hard in activities with our youth and in many other undertakings in the parish. He is going to be the chaplain at Fr. L. J. Austin. We pray that the Lord may continue to help him in this ministry.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 1/2, 2022

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 1/2 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021.

Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingand reconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.

The Good News

"I have come so that they may have life in abundance." John 10:10



Where is your life going? What is the meaning of your life? Do you feel lonely? Would you like to be happy? Would you like to strengthen your faith?

Come and discover the love that God has for you!

Starting September 19, 2022

Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm



Masses For The Week

Sat October 1st – 5:00pm

+Stewart Hamilton

req. by John, Helen, Chad and Victoria Ecker

Mon October 3 – 8:20am

+Placida Coryat

req. by Mary Yearwood

Tues October 4 – 8:20am

+Lorraine Dandridge

req. by Dan Dandridge

Wed October 5– 7:00pm

+William and Helen Cover

req. by Joan Catherine Gail

+Sarah Ann Marie LaPonsa Bowles

Req. by Catherine, Peter, Elizabeth Philips

+Joyce Szilagyi

req. by Marie Louise LaBarre

Private Intentions

Req. By St. John's staff

Thurs October 6– 8:20am

+Deceased Members of Harrington, Broderick and McCleannan families

req. by Susan and Joseph Agar

Fri October 7th – 8:20am

In thanksgiving for wedding anniversary

req. by Susan and Joseph Agar

St. Vincent de Paul Society is doing a lot deliveries during this time and is in need of peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned meat. Please bring it to the container at the entrance of the church. God bless you for your generosity

The Catholic Women's League is organizing a Walk-a-thon to raise funds.

They will be at all masses next weekend so that parishioners can sponsor their walk.

Thanks to Ken Michalko, Phyllis Pereira and all who helped with the Vegetable Fundraiser It was a great success!

Tabernacle Candle October 2nd to October 8 for Kevin from the Choir

We are having a Dinner and Dance on Nov 4th at 7pm at Tosca. Tickets are \$100.

R.C.I.A

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: (905) 668-3676.

We are looking for somebody to fill the position of Youth Minister in our parish. It is a very important role to take care of the youth of our parish. If you are interested, please call 905-668-3676 and ask for Fr. Francisco.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Would you like to join in the mission of Jesus to make disciples and enrich your own faith? If so, you are invited to assist as a Catechist in the Confirmation Program in our parish.

We are looking for volunteers to lead classes in February and March 2023. It would be a time commitment of four Saturday mornings in total. No formal teaching experience is required. Preparation and support will be provided, with step-by-step instructions for each class. If you feel that God may be calling you to this important ministry to our young people, please call the parish office at (905) 668-3676 and provide your name and phone number.

SERVE WITH JOY!

Our Church needs the gift of your time and talent to assist with Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you are able to help with registration nights, catechetical / preparation sessions, or at the celebrations (Masses), please contact Susan Douglas at (905) 668-3676.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

At the northwest corner of Cochrane & Dundas streets

Join us in order to defend life from conception to natural death in a peaceful way. Give witness to the value and beauty of life.

Jesus has given His mother the privilege of interceding to Him for the needs of our country and the world. We also encourage you to join us from **noon until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15th**, to say the **Rosary** under the banner of Canada Needs Our Lady.

For both Life Chain and the public profession of the Rosary, we **meet at our northwest corner of Cochrane St. and Dundas St. W.**

Please join us for one or both of these events to implore God to heal our nation and the world. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us in prayer wherever you are.

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